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Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the increase or decrease registered in the population of manual scavengers in the country during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated and spent by the Government on rehabilitation of such persons during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) No data was available regarding the population of manual scavengers upto the date of coming into force of "Prohibition of the Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" (MS Act, 2013) i.e. 06.12.2013. Though according to Census of 2011, State-wise details of identified manual scavengers after coming into force of MS Act, 2013 and the number of manual scavengers who have been provided onetime cash assistance of Rs.40000/- (upto 29.02.2016) to wean them away from their traditional occupation, are given in the Annexure-I.

(b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, "Self Employment Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers" (SRMS) for the rehabilitation of identified manual scavengers. The scheme is implemented through National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC). Details of the identified manual scavengers who have been provided rehabilitation benefits under SRMS and the expenditure incurred during the last two years and current year are given in Annexure-II.